

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2715–S2795

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2923–2930, S. Res. 461–464, and S. Con. Res. 37. **Pages S2748–49**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals For Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 114–253)

S. 2348, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, with amendments.

S. 2577, to protect crime victims’ rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, with amendments.

S. 2840, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds for active shooter training. **Page S2748**

Measures Passed:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate passed H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and

related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2721–31**

Adopted:

Alexander (for Flake/McCain) Amendment No. 3876 (to Amendment No. 3801), to require that certain funds are used for the review and revision of certain operational documents. **Pages S2721, S2730**

Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2721, S2730–31**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S2726**

A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Donnelly to change his yea vote to a nay vote on Vote No. 70 (rejected on May 11, 2016), changing the outcome of the vote to 51 yeas to 48 nays relative to Alexander (for Fischer) Amendment No. 3888 (to Amendment No. 3801). (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S2722**

Condemning the Terrorist Attacks in Brussels: Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, condemning the terrorist attacks in Brussels and honoring the memory of the United States citizens murdered in those attacks, and offering thoughts and prayers for all the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the Belgian people, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of Belgium and all our allies in the face of continuing terrorist attacks on freedom and liberty. **Page S2794**

195th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece: Senate agreed to S. Res. 394, recognizing the 195th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States. **Page S2794**

Honoring the Memory of Omaha Police Officer Kerrie Orozco: Senate agreed to S. Res. 463, honoring the memory and service of Omaha Police Officer Kerrie Orozco. **Page S2794**

75th Anniversary of the Alaska State Troopers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 464, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Alaska State Troopers. **Page S2795**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2733**

Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2813 (to Amendment No. 2812), to make a technical amendment. **Page S2733**

Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 3896, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2733**

McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S2733**

McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016 to respond to Zika virus. **Page S2733**

McConnell (for Cornyn/Johnson) Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S2733**

McConnell (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), Zika response and preparedness. **Page S2733**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. **Page S2733**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Cornyn/Johnson) Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Nel-

son/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896). **Page S2733**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Cornyn/Johnson) Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896). **Page S2733**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Collins Amendment No. 3896 (listed above) contain the text of S. 2844, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and S. 2806, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, as reported by the Appropriations Committee, with a technical citation correction in section 237 of S. 2844; that Collins Amendment No. 3896, be considered an Appropriations Committee amendment for the purpose of rule XVI, and that H.R. 2577 serve as the basis for defense of germaneness under rule XVI for the division of the substitute that contains S. 2844, and that H.R. 4974, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness under rule XVI for the division of the substitute that contains S. 2806; and that floor amendments be drafted to one of the two divisions and use the corresponding House text for defense of germaneness and that rule XVI discipline apply during consideration of this measure. **Page S2726**

House Messages:

Federal Water Pollution Control Act: Senate concurred in the House of Representatives amendment to S. 1523, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program. **Page S2794**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47) **Page S2747**

Xinis Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 16, 2016, Senate begin

consideration of the nomination of Paula Xinis, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, as under the previous order of Wednesday, May 11, 2016. **Page S2795**

Messages from the House: **Pages S2747–48**

Measures Referred: **Page S2748**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2749–50**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2753–94**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2794**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—71) **Pages S2730–31**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2795.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017".

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan Faye Beard, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's role in the world, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker, III, former Secretary of State, Houston, Texas; and Thomas E. Donilon, former National Security Advisor, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.

DUE PROCESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Fed-

eral Management concluded a hearing to examine due process in administrative hearings, after receiving testimony from Theresa Gruber, Deputy Commissioner for Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration; Joseph Kennedy, Associate Director, Human Resources Solutions, Office of Personnel Management; and Marilyn Zahm, Association of Administrative Law Judges, Buffalo, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2348, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, with amendments;

S. 2577, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, with amendments; and

S. 2840, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds for active shooter training.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2921, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve health care and benefits for veterans.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.